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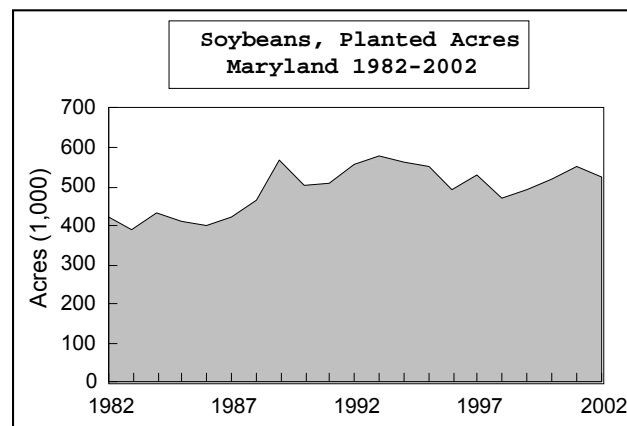
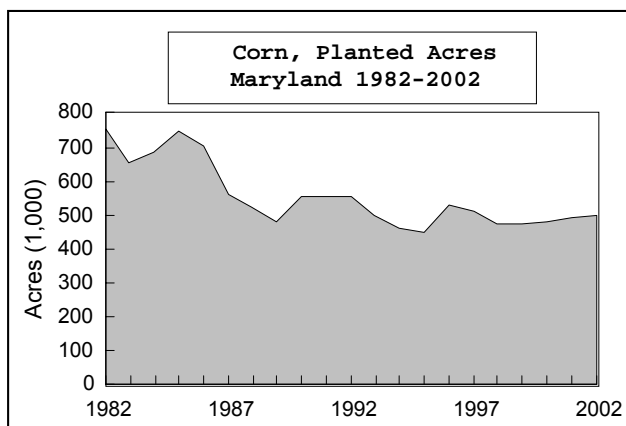
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Maryland: Acres planted for **corn** is forecast at 500,000 acres for the 2002 crop year, up 2 percent from last year's final estimate of 490,000 acres, and 4 percent from 2000's final estimate of 480,000 acres. The five year average for corn planted acres comes to almost 485,000 acres. The banner year in the last five years is 1997 with 510,000 acres of corn planted.

Maryland producers intend to plant 525,000 of **soybeans**, up 1 percent from 2001's and 2000's final estimate of 520,000 acres. The five year average for soybean planting totals just over 505,000 acres. This year is the highest year for soybeans planted since 1997 when 530,000 acres were planted.

For small grains, **winter wheat** planting is estimated at 195,000 acres, unchanged from the December seeding forecast and up 5,000 acres from last year. **Barley** planted acreage remains at 55,000 acres, no change from last year. For the 2002 crop year, **sorghum** planting intentions are forecast at 7,000 acres, a little more than 20% decrease from last year's estimate of 9,000 acres.

Maryland **tobacco** acreage is forecast at 1,700 acres, down about 10 percent from the 2001 estimate of 1,900. All **hay** harvested acres are forecast at 235,000, up 10,000 acres from last year's final estimate of 225,000 acres.



ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2001 AND 2002

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	490	500	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	410	---	136	---	55,760	---
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	75	---	15	---	1,125	---
Soybeans	BU	520	525	515	---	39	---	20,085	---
Sorghum ¹	BU	9	7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	BU	---	---	8	---	83	---	664	---
Sorghum Silage	TON	---	---	1	---	14	---	14	---
Winter Wheat	BU	190	195	175	---	63	---	11,025	---
Barley	BU	55	55	51	---	75	---	3,825	---
All Hay	TON	---	---	225	235	2.03	---	522	---
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	65	---	3.1	---	202	---
Other Hay	TON	---	---	160	---	2.0	---	320	---
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	1.9	1.7	1,450	---	2,755	---
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	---	4.7	---	250	---	1,175	---
United States								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	75,752	79,047	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	68,808	---	138.2	---	9,507	---
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	6,148	---	17	---	102	---
Soybeans	BU	74,105	72,966	73,000	---	39.6	---	2,891	---
Sorghum ¹	BU	10,252	9,015	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	BU	---	---	8,584	---	59.9	---	515	---
Sorghum Silage	TON	---	---	336	---	11.1	---	4	---
Wheat, Winter	BU	41,078	41,076	31,295	---	43.5	---	1,361	---
Barley	BU	4,967	5,078	4,289	---	58.2	---	250	---
All Hay	TON	---	---	63,511	63,743	2.47	---	157	---
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	23,812	---	3.37	---	80	---
Other Hay	TON	---	---	39,699	---	1.93	---	76	---
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	432.6	429.4	2,314	---	1,001	---
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	60.9	---	58.6	---	309	---	18.1	---

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes.

U.S. GRAIN STOCKS

U.S. **Corn** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2002 totaled 5.80 billion bushels, down 4 percent from March 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 3.36 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 7 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 2.44 billion bushels, are down slightly from the previous year. The December 2001-February 2002 quarter indicated disappearance is 2.47 billion bushels, compared with 2.49 billion bushels during the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2002 totaled 1.21 billion bushels, down 10 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 339 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 872 million bushels, are down 9 percent from a year ago. The indicated December 2001 - February 2002 quarter disappearance is 413 million bushels, down 12 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2002 totaled 1.34 billion bushels, down 5 percent from March 1, 2001. On-farm stocks, at 687 million bushels, were down 12 percent from the same period a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 649 million bushels, are up 4 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the December 2001-February 2002 quarter totaled 940 million bushels, up 12 percent from the same quarter in 2001.

Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2002 totaled 142 million bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2001. On-farm stocks are estimated at 46.0 million bushels, 22 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 95.7 million bushels, are 8 percent below March 2001. Indicated disappearance during the December 2001 - February 2002 quarter totaled 53.4 million bushels, down 20 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Grain Stocks, March 1, 2001 and 2002 Maryland, and United States					
STATE	March 1, 2001		March 1, 2002		2002/2001
	OFF FARMS ¹	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	OFF FARMS	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	ALL POSITIONS
-----1,000 BUSHELS-----					
CORN					
MD	14,575	*	13,981	*	---
US	2,442,999	6,042,999	2,441,473	5,796,473	96
ALL WHEAT					
MD	3,996	*	2,633	*	---
US	953,648	1,338,398	872,223	1,210,723	90
SOYBEANS					
MD	*	*	*	*	---
US	623,908	1,403,908	648,976	1,335,976	95
BARLEY					
MD	758	*	460	*	---
US	103,544	162,144	95,742	141,742	87
OATS					
MD	*	*	*	*	---
US	54,128	109,928	52,997	92,797	84
SORGHUM					
MD	*	*	*	*	---
US	127,027	167,127	156,151	194,251	116

*Not published to avoid disclosure of farm holdings.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

MAY RELEASE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Broiler Hatchery	2	3 Dairy Products Poultry Slaughter
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